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A publication for faculty and staff

3 construction projects near completion

This spring, work will wrap up on the Classroom Building, Student Union expansion and Jay Bergman Baseball Field

The millennium is starting with three major construction projects coming to completion on the UCF campus, giving the university desperately needed classroom space along with

high-tech capabilities, more eateries and services, and a new baseball stadium.

The 86,891-gross-square-foot Classroom I will be nearing completion the first of the year with a planned opening for the summer semester.

"We still have our own work to do installing our technology and getting the building equipped," says Tom Woodruff, UCF architect. "The wiring is done by the contractor, but we do the rest. Then, we'll need a shakedown period to see if all the systems and equipment are working."

Furniture will arrive in February or March. After that, occupants, which include members of the Office of Instructional Resources and the Hospitality Management program, will be moved in.

The three-story building has 25 classrooms — two with auditorium-style seating for more than 200 students — and a student multimedia lab, two faculty multimedia labs, a faculty multimedia

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Spring 2000 enrollment record high

30,000 students — the most ever in spring — are expected to attend UCF this term

The trend of growing enrollment continues this spring with an expected 4 percent increase over a year ago.

"Spring is tough to estimate, but [there will be] anywhere between a 3 and 5 percent increase. At this time, registration is running about 7 percent higher than last year," says Sabrina Andrews, interim director for Institutional Research and Support.

Currently, more than 25,000 students are enrolled for the spring semester with a total of 30,000 expected to attend. Last year's enrollment was

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Tears of joy



Jacque Brund

An unidentified graduate wipes tears from her face during the commencement ceremony for the College of Health and Public Affairs on Dec. 18. Nearly 2,400 students graduated.

Partnership II Building on drawing board

The building will be the sister facility to Partnership I and house units from UCF and all four branches of the military

UCF's commitment to area economic development and its ties to all branches of the U.S. military have been strengthened by the Board

of Regents' recommendation that the Legislature allocate \$15 million to build the Partnership II building in Research Park.

The university will share the building with the Navy, Army, Air Force and Marine Corps. Land for Partnership II, as well as its sister facility, Partnership I, is being provided by the Navy.

The green light for Partnership II comes before ground is broken on March 3 for Partnership I, which will be located on 2.3 acres adjacent to the

Research Pavilion. The \$9.1 Partnership I building will house UCF's National Center for Forensic Science, the UCF Criminal Justice Department's Crime Mapping and Data Management and Public Safety Research centers. Components of the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division will occupy 15,000 square feet of the 45,000-square-foot building.

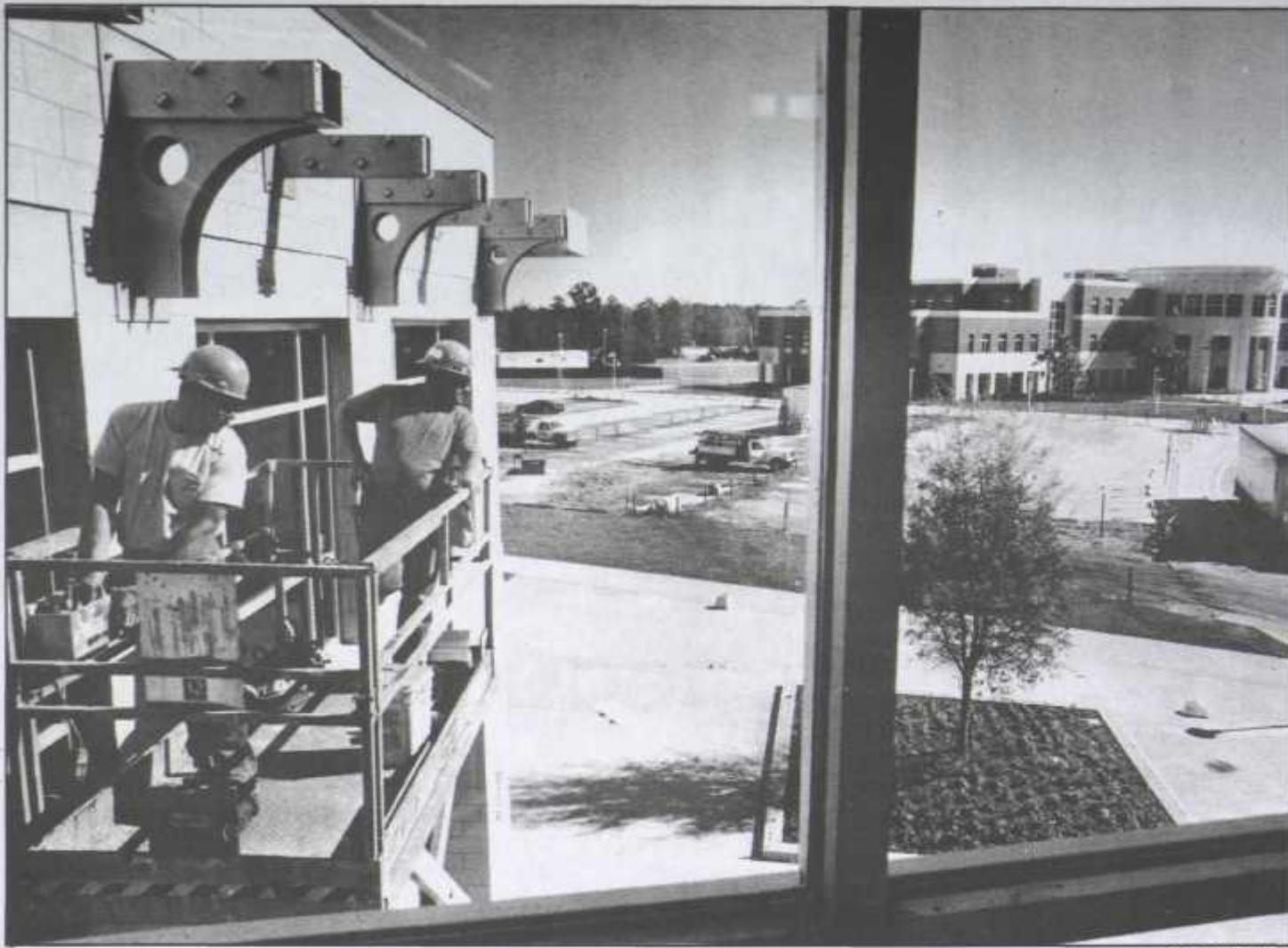
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Workers put decorative trim on the outside of the Classroom Building during the university's holiday break. The Classroom Building is one of several construction projects expected to be completed this spring.

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preparation lab, two video conference rooms, several student study/docking stations and two large office suites. There is also a suite of offices and an office center for faculty. The ground floor has a covered terrace with seating.

Jay Bergman Baseball Field should be ready for the first game of the season on Feb. 11, but the buildings and other features may not be completed at that time. The 900-seat stadium will include a state-of-the-art electronic scoreboard donated by Coca-Cola.

"The field will be available for most of the season," says UCF architect Dick Lavender, "but there's a lot

of work still to be done."

A building of about 25,000 square feet will run parallel to the stadium and include offices for coaches, locker rooms, weight training and equipment rooms. One end of the building will be for women's track and soccer with smaller, but similar facilities. There will also be an area for batting cages.

Also on the slate for completion is the expansion of the Student Union. The additional 40,000 gross square feet will be completed in March or April.

Mark Hall, director for the Student Union, expects to have the furnish-

ings installed by summer. "We'll have orientation here in the summer and occasional things going on, but it won't be fully operational until the fall term," he says.

The addition, which will bring the size of the building to 175,000 gross square feet, includes an 11,500-square-foot ballroom, with room for 1,000 people, that can be sectioned into nine individual meeting rooms. Three restaurants — Steak Escape, Nectars, and Mrs. Fields and PretzelTime — and College Optical, with an optometrist on staff, will also be added.

— Joanne Griggs

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Partnership II, as proposed, will be located near Partnership I. Partners in the second facility will focus on advanced distributed learning and simulation technology.

"It will be a simulation immersion facility that is UCF's, where UCF and its partners will be able to demonstrate capabilities, expertise and research through simulation to address and solve real-world problems," says Marilyn Cobb Croach, UCF's director for Federal Relations. "The distance learning component will help link this expertise to potential future partners throughout the world."

The Partnership complex was born after yearlong negotiations with Congress, Pentagon and Navy officials. Orlando is the only location in the world that is home to the simulation and training offices of all four branches of the U.S. military, Croach points out.

"We can capitalize on a critical mass of simulation technologies, knowledge and expertise, using a partnership approach for applications in the public and private sectors," she says.

— Susan Loden



Jacque Brund

Where's the crowd?

Empty benches frame a passer-by near the UCF Theatre during the university's winter break. Although the campus population was sparse during the holidays, a record number is expected to enroll for spring classes.

New century full of promise for UCF

Welcome to the new millennium, gang. Here's hoping the next 1,000 years for UCF are as sweet as our last 37.

Technically, of course, the next millennium is still 12 months away. But that's beside the point. The fact is, it's practically impossible not to embrace the year 2000 as the threshold to a marvelous, wondrous future.

We've already gotten a peek at what's in-store for UCF. More students. More construction. More partnerships. More cutting-edge

research. More academic prestige. More success in athletics.

From the ivory tower

Unbelievably, 30,000 students are expected to enroll in classes this spring — imagine that, 30,000.

The university had been offering classes for 16 years before we even reached 25,000 total graduates. As quickly as UCF is growing, we'll be graduating 25,000 students every two or three years very soon. For us to have reached the 30,000-enrollment number for a spring term in our university's short history is mind-boggling. It seems just a matter of time before our enrollment surpasses Florida State's and South Florida's. You can't help but wonder if someday UCF will become the largest university in the state, exceeding even the University of Florida in size.

To teach all those students, there's a campus building boom with no end in sight. The Board of Regents has already recommended \$191.4 million be approved by the Florida Legislature for UCF construction projects over the next five years. To appreciate what that means, consider this: As of last fall, the university had spent a total of \$159.4 million on physical facilities. Granted, it would cost a whole lot more to build some of those buildings in today's economy. Nonetheless, the number of buildings on campus will swell considerably early in the 21st century.

When President John Hitt arrived at UCF in 1992, he listed one of his top goals for UCF to become the nation's leading partnership university. Guess what? We're well on our way to doing just that. The Florida High Tech Corridor is a perfect example of the president's vision.

So what's in-store for UCF in the new millennium? Perhaps the university's founders said it best when they created our motto: "Reach for the Stars." That's what we're doing.

— David Finnerty

Short Takes

Solar Bears tickets for UCF employees

The Orlando Solar Bears are offering a deal for hockey fans at UCF. Students, faculty and staff are being offered discounts on tickets for games on Feb. 11 and 12. During the UCF Knights Weekend, lower bowl tickets will be reduced from \$13 to \$11 and \$10 upper bowl tickets will be reduced to \$8. Games each of the nights are at the Orlando Arena at 7:30 p.m. For the Feb. 11 game, 2,500 hats will be given away; on Feb. 12, the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders will be at the game. For tickets or information, contact **Steve Jarrett** at (407) 916-2905 or via e-mail at sjarrett@rdvsports.com.

Leadership awards honor faculty, staff

Faculty, staff and students will be recognized for contributions to UCF and the community during UCF's fifth annual Leadership Week celebration, Feb. 28-March 2. Nomination forms are in each college dean's office or division vice president's office and in the LEAD Scholars Office. Deadlines for nominations are Jan. 14 for A&P and USPS awards and Jan. 28 for faculty awards. For information, call **Shannon Bergman** at 823-2223.

University to host Relay for Life again

UCF will host the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for the third year, March 24 and 25. Last year, the around-the-clock fund-raiser collected more than \$100,000. For the relay, teams of at least 10 people raise money by walking miles around the UCF Arena track in 18 hours. President **John Hitt** will host a kickoff breakfast in the Student Union Key West room, 7:30-9 a.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 18, for those interested in participating in the relay. For information, call Constituent Relations at 823-3901.

Upcoming holiday

Need a day to recover from the holidays? Good news, the next universitywide holiday is Monday, Jan. 17, Martin Luther King Day.

This issue

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UCF scientists plunge into water dilemma

With the state's underground drinking water supply drying up, the university is poised to develop alternative sources

Editor's note: This is the first in a yearlong series of articles that will explore UCF's potential impact on the 21st century. This installment addresses Florida's growing water concerns.

Water, water, it's everywhere in Florida, and in the new millennium what we see on the surface in our lakes, rivers, sea, springs and swamps will be the bulk of what we drink as underground supplies dwindle and the population swells.

Lawmakers, water managers and delivery system operators have activated a statewide effort to ensure that all five of Florida's water management districts will be able to make a coordinated shift from 95 percent underground water use to surface water, while maintaining quality and considering costs and the environment.

Last month, UCF and Florida Water Services hosted a Drinking Water Seminar for about 300 industry professionals. The situation facing Floridians and the progress toward implementing plans, due this year, to meet new state regulations intended to ensure adequate, clean water through 2020 was reported to the group by authorities in the field, including UCF's own water expert, engineering professor **James Taylor**.

Existing wells, like those that serve the university, will probably continue to flow, Taylor says. "I don't think we will be off of wells completely, but there will be no expansion to new wells."

As population growth demands more of Mother Nature's most-precious liquid, water will be drawn from surface sources and purified, desalinized, stored and distributed to meet new needs. The St. John's River will be a primary source of treated, potable water for the Orlando area. In some areas of the state, brackish water is already being cleaned and consumed. Wastewater is being reclaimed and used in landscaping and agriculture.

One major issue is the cost of the new infrastructure that must be in place to deliver equitable shares of recovered and reclaimed surface water to all areas of the state. Taylor says officials are coordinating efforts to ensuring supplies will be plentiful and safe. Increased regulations "will require higher

"There needs to be improved interface between resources in the State University System and Florida governments on what can and can't be done."



James Taylor,
UCF engineering professor

degrees of treatment and treatment will cost more to maintain the same [or even cleaner] water quality we have now," he says. "The consumer pays the cost for a better quality of life. It comes

down to the consumer."

However, Taylor adds, "water is the least costly commodity, other than air, that we have now. It costs \$1 or \$2 per 1,000 gallons of use. There's nothing else as cheap in our economy. Increase the cost to five-tenths of a cent per pound and it's still economic."

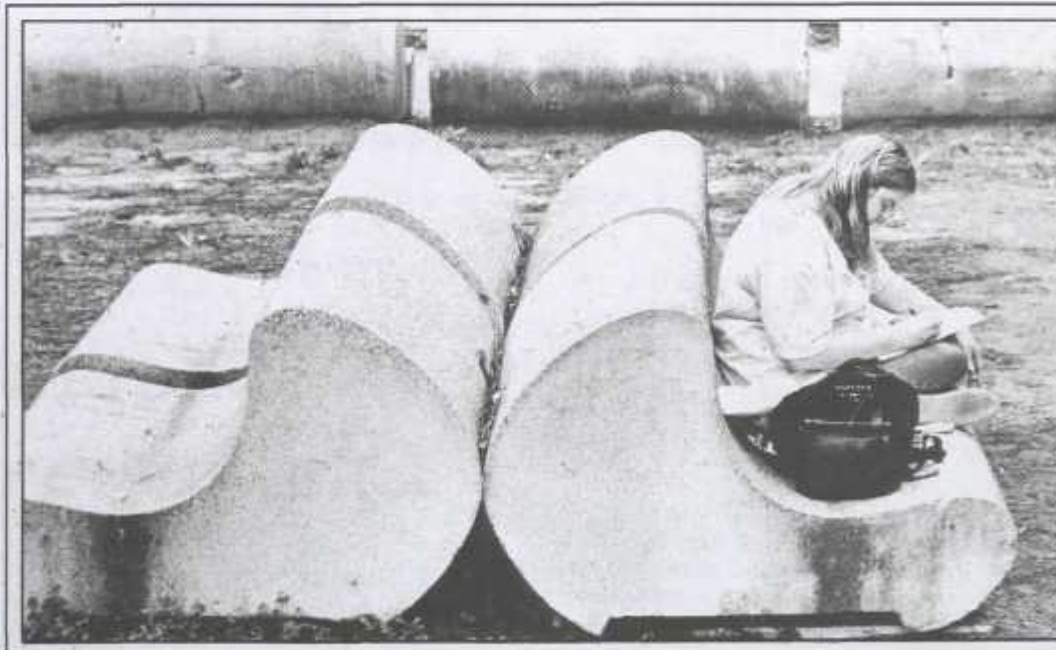
Of paramount importance, Taylor says, is UCF's role in developing technology to meet the need for plentiful, quality water.

The water is out there. Florida loses billions of gallons a day from fresh water springs that flow directly into the ocean.

"We're a little bit behind, but not at a crisis. We are playing catch-up. There needs to be improved interface between resources in the State University System and Florida governments on what can and can't be done. University talent isn't used to the extent it could be to solve Florida's problems. We need to address Florida's water problems on this level," Taylor says.

"I can't think of a more needed and challenging — nor a more beneficial — field than water and the environment it goes into. Environmental engineering is building systems to help people live longer, instead of building systems that may terminate people early."

— Susan Loden



Better place to be
 Graduate teaching assistant **Sidra Van De Car** picked a quiet place to grade papers late last semester.

Jacque Brund

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28,749. Enrollment for last fall was 31,400.

Of the students enrolled in the spring, only about 100 will be first-time-in-college students and 2,000 new transfers. In the fall, there were 3,500 FTIC students.

"There's a smaller net gain in new students in

the spring," Andrews says. "Most of those enrolled in the spring are returning students."

Andrews also noted that the number of students who register for classes via the Web continues to increase.

— Joanne Griggs

CALENDAR



Lecture: Noontime Knowledge Series — "The Impact Y2K Had/Will Have on Technology in Our Lives," Joel Hartman, UCF's Information Technologies and Resources, Downtown Academic Center, noon-1 p.m. 317-7700.

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Art (Library exhibits through Jan. 31): "Chinese Paintings," by Rosa Lee; "Martin Luther King Jr.," by Athena Hoepfner; "Theatre UCF: See the Stars of Tomorrow Today," by Joe Patti and Erin Richards; "UCF Arboretum," by Phil Edwards and Robert Spurr; "Inside Cuba," by Laurie Linsley; "Florida's Prehistory," by Terry Angell.
Music: Roman Rudnitsky, piano, Rehearsal Hall, 8 p.m., \$7.50. 823-2869

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Sports: Women's basketball vs. Troy State, UCF Arena, 7 p.m. 823-1000

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Music: Joanne Stephenson, voice, Gary Wolf, piano, Finley Taylor, foreign languages, Rehearsal Hall, 3 p.m., \$7.50. 823-2869.

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Recreational Services: 3-on-3 basketball sign-up deadline. 823-2408

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Meeting: Knights of Round Table, Student Union, room 218, 3-4 p.m.

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Event: Knightlife 2 Activities Expo, outside Student Union, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Sports: Men's basketball vs. Georgia State, UCF Arena, 7:30 p.m. 823-1000

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Theater (through Feb. 13): "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde," Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival, Orange County Historical Museum Theatre. 245-0985

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Sports: Men's basketball vs. Campbell, UCF Arena, 8 p.m. 823-1000
Event: Open House, Visual Arts Building Auditorium, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 823-5437.

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Holiday: Martin Luther King Day

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Event: UCF American Cancer Society Relay for Life kickoff breakfast, hosted by President John Hitt, Student Union's Key West ballroom, 7:30-9 a.m. 823-6490

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Lecture: Noontime Knowledge Series — "We Survived Y2K-What Next? An Economic Forecast For The Year 2000," Shane Coldren, SunTrust Bank, Downtown Academic Center, noon-1 p.m. 317-7700.
Lecture: Judaic Studies Distinguished Lecturers Series — "Restoring a Vanished Past — There Once Was a World," by Yaffa Eliach of Brooklyn College, Visual Arts Building Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. 823-5039.

Stargazing: Robinson Observatory, free public viewing, 7:30-10:30 p.m. 823-2805

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Art (through March 10): "Confrontational Clay: The Artist as Social Critic," UCF Art Gallery. 823-2676

Meeting: Staff Council, BA 230, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting: Faculty Senate, Student Union's Key West room 218, 4-5 p.m.

Recreational Services: Tennis doubles sign-up deadline. 823-2408

Seminar: "Spiritual Resistance — Hasidic Tales of the Holocaust," by Yaffa Eliach of Brooklyn College, hosted by UCF Judaic Studies, Phillips Hall, room 110, 10 a.m. 823-5039.

Sports: Women's basketball vs. Campbell, UCF Arena, 7 p.m. 823-1000

Theater: "A Soldier's Play," by Charles Fuller, UCF Theatre. 823-1500

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Sports: Women's basketball vs. Georgia State, UCF Arena, 7 p.m. 823-1000

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Recreational Services: Wiffle-ball sign-up deadline. 823-2408
Event: Poetry Reading, by Anthony Hecht, Visual Arts Building, 1 p.m. 823-6157

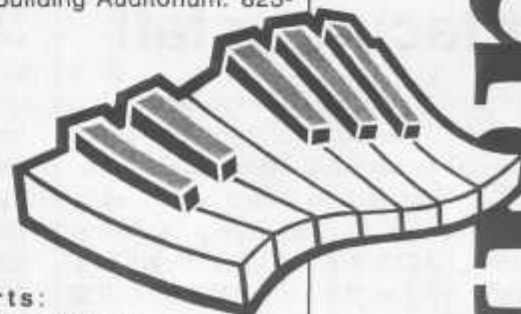
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Lecture: Noontime Knowledge Series — "Zora Live!," Phyllis McEwen, Downtown Academic Center, noon-1 p.m. 317-7700.

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Sports (through Jan. 30): ACC/Disney Baseball Blast at Disney's Wide World of Sports, UCF vs. North Carolina, Wake Forest, Clemson. 823-2729

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Sports: Men's basketball vs. Jacksonville, UCF Arena, 7:30 p.m. 823-1000
Music: SAI Province Day Workshop, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Visual Arts Building Auditorium. 823-5973.

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Sports: Men's basketball vs. Stetson, UCF Arena, 7:30 p.m. 823-1000

For a more complete calendar, check out the universitywide listing on the Web (<http://www.ucf.edu/pubrel/>).



January

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Miscellaneous, parakeets, 2 female, \$10 each; 1 male and 1 female cockatiel, \$15 each; 20-year-old 8 mm sound movie camera, \$35; twin bed, bookcase headboard (wood) \$25 a set; **stepping exercise machine,** \$45. Dee, 823-2727 daytime and 894-3705 evenings.

Wetsuit, small O'neal 5.3mm extreme temp. series, excellent condition w/ hood, knee pads. \$100 obo. Serious inquiries only. James, 823-3011 or 568-4002.

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